that it was for them to decide on the machinery for implementing development programmes and pooling resources of different programmes at the district level. Since the annual allocation for 1992-93 for Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) has been pegged at 1991-92 levels, it would not be possible allocate any higher funds to Anantapur district than what is permissible under the norms and it would not be possible to find funds for administration of the proposed authority beyond the permissible limit of 10% of DPAP annual allocation.

Urban Water Supply Scheme of Bolangir in Orissa

4542. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government to finance Urban Water Supply Scheme of Bolangir in Orissa during 1992-93:

(b) if so, whether HUDCO has evaluated the porject so far; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government fo Orissa sought loan assistance from HUDCO for augmentation of water supply schemes in a number of towns, including Bolangir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The clarifications sought by HUDCO from the State Public Health Engg. Department have not been furnished satisfactorily in respect of some of the points. Moreover, the towns are to be considered for HUDCO loan assistance as per the priority laid down by the State Government.

Hostel for Working Women and Working Men

4543. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for new working women's hostel and working men's hostel in Delhi for Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of applications pending for accommodation in working women's hostel in Delhi upto 31st Decembers, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for a General Pool Hostel at Pataudi House and reconstruction of working women's hostel at Kasturba Gandhi Marg. Details in this respect are being working out keeping in view the building regulations applicable to this area.

(c) 20 applications.

Functioning of Public Sector Undertaking in Gujarat

4544. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have identified those Central Public Sector Undertaking which are not functioning satisfactorily or are running in losses in Gujarat during the last three years; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve their efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K.

THUNGON): (a) and (b). Out of 2 Central Public Sector Enterprises having their registered office in the State of Gujarat one namely NTC (Gujarat) Ltd., has been incurring losses continuously for the last three years. enterprise-specific action is required to be taken by the concerned administrative Ministry or the management of the enterprise to improve its performance. Some of the steps taken are modernisation, upgradation of technology, improvement of product-mix, financial and managerial restructuring of the enterprise etc. This enterprise is also required to be referred to BIFR under provisions of amended SICA.

Criticism of new Industrial Policy

4545. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the wide spread criticism of its new industrial policy;

(b) if so, the main point of criticism of the new industrial policy;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-examine the new industrial policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). After the announcement of the New Industrial Policy in July, 1991, it has been widely discussed in the Parliament and the Press. There has been a broad degree of consensus in favour of the New Policy. The response to the New Policy has so far been very encouraging. Consequently, there appears to be no reason to re-examine the new Policy.

[*Translation*]

Retrenchment of Workers in Public Sector Undertakings

4546. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to allow the retrenchment of workers in various public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether any such demand or proposal for retrenchment of workers has been received by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). The provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 apply equally to the Public Sector as well as private sector units. The Industrial Disputes Act lays down the procedure for retrenchment of workers in certain circumstances. This can be done by the Public Sector Enterprises only after obtaining the prior approval of the appropriate authority . According to the information available with the Government, M/s Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. have sought permission of the Central Government to retrench employees in various projects. M/s Paradeep Phosphate Ltd., Bhubaneshwar, Orissa and M/s. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh, have sought permission from the appropriate authorities of State Government to retrench 70 and 335 workers respectively.